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Community speaks out during road consultation

BY ALEXANDRA TAYLOR

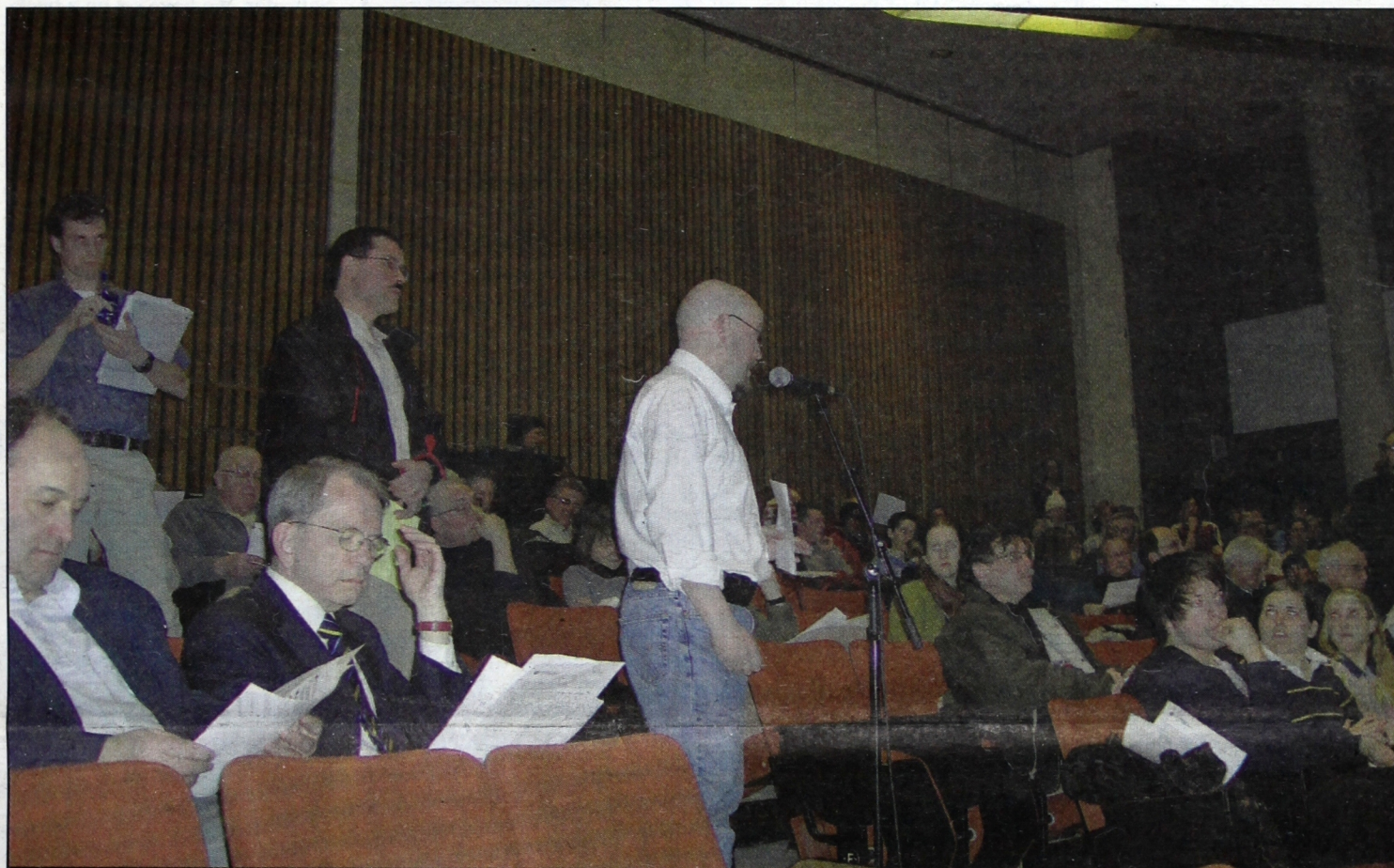
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Students and community members stood up for Sudbury's natural resources on March 1st at a consultation held in the Fraser Auditorium. Dennis Consultants held a consultation on behalf of the City of Greater Sudbury to allow the community to share their opinions about the proposed access road on Laurentian property. The Board of Governors passed a motion at their February meeting to explore the options and opinions about the road, and invited all parties to attend the consultation and express their views.

The proposed road will connect South Bay Road to Hwy. 69 South, and is currently being addressed as an 'emergency access road'. Unfortunately for developers, the area being considered for building is home to numerous watersheds and natural habitats, as well as a well-developed and often-used network of trails that are accessible year round. Although this road has been in the proposal stage for decades, developers and city officials have recently reignited the debate about whether this road needs to be built.

The consultation on March 1st received a very strong turnout, filling the lower Fraser Auditorium. Local groups, Laurentian neighbours, community members and students came out and although not necessarily reflective of the entire community, the speeches made were 100% in opposition to the proposed road.

A number of students raised concerns about loss of accessible research space due to the road, as a number of departments at Laurentian use the lush watershed area for educational research. Other students expressed that the reason that they chose Laurentian over other schools was due to the fact that Sudbury has such a strong reputation for environmental sustainability and natural resources. They brought up the issue that



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Students, faculty and community members packed into the Fraser auditorium on March 1st to discuss the proposed Emergency Access road that the city is planning to build through Laurentian property.

the proposed road may be the first step towards the 'paving over' of Sudbury's parks and forests.

A number of community members and students challenged University President Judith Woodsworth, questioning why the school is still 'considering options' when the road was apparently unnecessary.

Alternatives were also raised as points of discussion by the organizers, including the widening of Ramsey Lake Road. Audience members pointed out that another road in the south end of Sudbury would be useless because "development is going in the other direction", implying that expansion was going on in

New Sudbury more than anywhere else in the city. It was also suggested that the analysis of the current 'traffic problem' at the corner of Ramsey Lake and Paris St. has been largely overblown by city consultants and that the 'problem' is not really much of a problem at all.

A large number of audience members spoke on behalf of the various sports and athletic groups in Sudbury. When questioned about the loss of trails, a panelist brought up the expensive and somewhat illogical possibility of sustaining trails by digging under the 2-4 lane road, allowing hikers to walk without crossing the road. A member of the Laurentian Nordic Ski club

responded to the suggestion by questioning how this is a solution for winter skiers needing to cross the road, noting that snow, to the best of his knowledge, does not in fact fall under bridges. He also noted that the petition on the Nordic Ski Club website included testimonials from a number of former Sudbury residents who have gone on to become Olympic skiers. He feared that the loss of the trails would result in a loss of available practice space for athletes.

Speakers also brought up the new Laurentian University Environmental Policy, enacted in 2006. Created in an effort to ensure sustainability and environmental protection on campus,

Section 10 states that "Laurentian will act as a responsible steward of the natural ecology of its lands, including the wildlife, plants and water." Audience members questioned how building a road directly through the wildlife habitats and watersheds was in any way 'responsible'.

A questionnaire is currently available on the Laurentian website that students and Sudbury residents can use to further identify their perspectives on the issue. The Laurentian Board of Governors is expected to outline their official position on the matter at their meeting to be held on April 13th.

Sudbury earns Regional Centre of Expertise designation

BY ALEXANDRA TAYLOR

ASSISTANT EDITOR

The United Nations University recently designated Greater Sudbury as a Regional Centre of Expertise in response to Sudbury's commitment to sustainable development. Joining a group of only 34 other centres across the world, Sudbury is now part of an international network called the "Global Learning Space for Sustainable Development". This learning space brings together regional leaders as well as international institutions and academics who will work together to develop and support a human resources base in developing countries. The

hope of the UN University is that this will aid in the creating and development of sustainability in these countries and throughout the world. The Global Learning Space, according to the UN website, will involve curriculum development, educational planning, north-south networking and other capacity building within research programmes.

Sudbury Mayor John Rodriguez was very enthusiastic about the designation, noting that this further demonstrates the city's commitment to sustainable development in Northern Ontario. He believes that the designation is largely based on the Sudbury Healthy Community initiative, in which efforts were put

forth to build a sustainable community where "economic, environmental and social considerations were given equal weight". Rodriguez hopes that the new UN designation will encourage Sudbury residents to become more involved in the community, and to continue to support the area.

The Healthy Communities Strategy was initiated by the Greater Sudbury Council in 2004 after an Expert Panel investigated the living standards within the community and made recommendations to the board. The Panel reached four priority areas for the city; Active Living/Healthy Lifestyle, Natural Environment, Civic Engagement/Social

Capital, and Economic Growth. With these recommendations in place, the City Council proceeded with a variety of Healthy Living initiatives, as well as exploring the strengths and challenges that the City of Greater Sudbury faced in terms of sustainability. Guided by a number of specific principles, including embracing diversity needs, allocation of resources and celebrations of progress, the city moved forward in an attempt to create solutions instead of treatments.

With an annual budget of \$40.7 million US, the United Nations University is one of the smallest UN organizations, but they are an essential part of the move towards worldwide sus-

tainability. According to their website, the UNU is "dedicated to the generation and transfer of knowledge, and the strengthening of individual and institutional capacities". Over 30 years old, the UN University includes staff from over 25 countries and continues to evolve and support the development of centres like Sudbury in an effort to encourage communities to develop and grow with sustainability in mind. The creation of a Regional Centre of Expertise designation has allowed UNU to develop a network of communities and organizations across the world who will act as leaders in the fight to resolve pressing global problems.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

News and notes from the SGA

Well, here it comes. Reading Week has come and gone (as blindingly fast as always), and now the due dates for those final assignments, essays, and lab reports are starting to get closer. I'd like to let you know about some of the bigger events that are coming up before the end of the year.

Of course the biggest thing for the SGA/AGE right now is the preparations for our annual elections. All of the positions are up for grabs this year, and after the nomination period closes on Friday, March 9th, we hopefully will have a race for every position. The campaigning period starts the following Monday, so you can expect some of your fellow students will be trekking across campus trying to bend your ear for a minute. The election dates are set for Wednesday, the 21st, and Thursday, the 22nd.

At noon on the 23rd of March, the SGA/AGE will be working with HUCS (Huntington



LUKE NORTON
SGA PRESIDENT

Communications Society) to put on a 30 Hour Famine in our Student Centre. The evening will feature a talent show (featuring comedy, theatre, singing, and

more), a selection of films from the Film Club, and a lot of games and other fun stuff to keep your mind off of food! Of course, all the proceeds go to charity, so it's another great cause for you to give some time to. You can still sign up in the SGA/AGE office, so grab a couple friends and stop by today!

Another charitable endeavor that we are undertaking right now is a Twoonie Drive for El Salvador. We have set up a bucket in the SGA/AGE office and are asking every student to come in and donate \$2 if they can. The money is to help keep a medical clinic in a poor area of El Salvador open. The money will go towards medical supplies and salaries for the doctor and nursing students who help at the clinic. You can find out more information by stopping in at the office, or by e-mailing Meal Exchange at lul@mealexchange.com.

Lastly, I would like to take a

minute and thank everyone who helped out, or came out this year when we were doing actions around the high cost of tuition. An especially large thank you goes out to the profs, students, departments, and unions who supported us during our Freeze for the Fees excursion outdoors. The gifts of food, hot chocolate, coffee, and company were greatly appreciated. Thanks to all the students who came out on the Days of Action and helped us in the elevators at the Board of Governors meeting. Thanks to all of the work and support you showed us, we were able to pass a motion at the Board of Governors that would see the Board work with student groups to lobby for funding directly to reduce tuition. We are the first university in Canada to have achieved such a feat, and we should all be proud of the hard work that students put into the fight for equal and quality access for all.

Not a coffee shop, a little taste of Asia

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One of Sudbury's best kept secrets has to be Café Korea. For almost a decade, Café Korea has been offering Sudbury residents an appetizing and varied menu abounding with fresh Asian flavour. This is the first restaurant north of Toronto to offer a menu of its kind.

Café Korea first opened at a small location downtown, making a name for themselves through their innovative recipes. After working arduously at getting their restaurant on its feet, Café Korea moved to its current location on LaSalle, where they have been located for the past 6 successful years.

Their extensive menu offers something for everyone. Their

delicious Asian soups are served fresh and abound with flavour. Café Korea's wide variety of sushi will offer sushi enthusiasts a delicious array of fresh maki rolls (i.e. California rolls), nigiri (fish on balled rice) and sashimi (raw fish), which is all made fresh to order. In fact, all of their delicious and generous portioned entrees are made fresh to order. Vegetarians will also find something to suit their taste buds, as the staff will happily substitute the meat for a vegetarian friendly option. For those who fear that this food is spicy, it is not so. Requests can easily be made to make your meal an enjoyable one, whether you like it mild or very hot.

Lee and Norm, who are the very friendly owners of Café Korea, will be introducing a new menu by the end of the month. As with all their recipes, this new



Marie-Claude Bedard / CONTRIBUTOR

menu will offer the customer a taste of Asia. A sushi bar should be open by the end of March to accompany the already existing table grills. The latter offers customers the chance to grill your own bulgogi: a thin cut of meat that is marinated, and comes with a side of rice and vegetables. This is a fun way to get together with

people and enjoy a tasty meal. It is advisable to make reservations to offer the best selection of meats and vegetables.

This restaurant receives 5 stars out of 5, the food is delicious, the experience is very enjoyable and the staff is very friendly and will answer all your questions.

SPACE FOR RANT

Organization a disappointment to LU student

When an organization labels themselves as 'open' and 'welcoming', I think it's fair to assume that these same organizations will in fact be... oh, I don't know... open, and welcoming? Unfortunately, it's been my experience this year that there is one group on campus who hasn't lived up to their promises. While I am 100% in support of having a Pride organization on campus for queer students and their supporters, I question whether there's any point in having one at all if the members of the group aren't willing to make other students feel comfortable.

I'm a lesbian in my second year, and I've visited the Pride office on a handful of occasions, looking for information about events, looking for somewhere to hang out, looking for reading material. Although the Pride office is wonderfully decorated and seemingly inviting, the only thing that I found within the walls was a laissez faire attitude and a complete lack of interest in my presence there. That's not to say that there weren't people in there, because there have been on most of my visits, and my problem isn't necessarily

with everyone in the group as individuals. I think it's fantastic that the 'main' members of Pride have found such a fantastic group of people to hang out with, but their circle of friendship seems to leave everyone else in the dust. Is there any point in leaving the door open if you're not willing to talk to the people who walk in? Luckily, I'm 'out of the closet' and don't necessarily need the support of the Pride organization, but I have no doubt that there are many, many students on campus who are questioning their sexuality and have entered the Pride office looking for support and finding none. If someone outspoken and outgoing like me was ignored on a number of occasions, it pains me to think about how introverted or intimidated students must feel. I'd encourage the members of Pride to consider either becoming more welcoming and willing to meet new people, or to repaint the rainbow on their door to something more appropriate – a large red "no outsiders allowed" sign, perhaps.

Anonymous
LU Student

COLUMNS

Patterson's Unclassifieds: Tuition Hike Protests

BY SARAH PATTERSON

Hello and welcome to yet another 'Patterson's Unclassifieds' article. As always, if you have any ideas for future issues or would like to participate in an article and be interviewed, feel free to e-mail me with any of those things, questions or comments at sz_patterson@laurentian.ca.

In my last article I asked you how you felt about 'Freeze for the fees,' the week long protest that involved students sleeping out in the cold. The difference between these two articles is that, while last article focused on one act of protesting, this week focuses on protesting as whole. I wanted to know how the students felt about all the SGA/AEF's protesting that had been going on recently. I asked a number of students the following questions: Did you participate in any of the protests, why or why not, do you believe that the students of L.U. went too far with their protesting, do you think that there is a better way to bring attention to tuition fee issues, is L.U. on the right track to getting tuition fees lowered as well as if they had any extra comments on the matter. Thanks to everyone involved who answered questions on this issue.

Social Work:

I did participate in all the protesting events because I think that tuition fees are too high for the average student and because all the events were fun. I like fun activities. A lot of people might have thought [that L.U. went too far] but I don't because we got a lot of media coverage. L.U. had good representation at the Toronto day of action and definitely put a spotlight on our school. I could see how our actions might seem ineffective, and perhaps sitting in a board room might seem to get more things done but students can't see what goes on behind closed doors like they can see our freezing abilities. [I think] we are defiantly on the right track, especially after the Board of Governors meeting where the administrative said they would back us up as we put pressure on the government [regarding tuition fees].

Anthropology:

No [I did not participate in any of the events] because I didn't know about them until they were taking place. Also, I don't think [protesting] does anything. No [I do not think L.U. students went to far] but I do think it was pointless. [There is a better way to bring attention to tuition fee problems] but I definitely don't have any good ideas. Protesting might be slightly more effective. I'm not sure [if L.U. is on the right track] I haven't heard anything other than the protests and if that is the only thing then I think they could be doing a lot more. I don't think anybody other than the students paying (as well as some parents) really care about our ridiculous debt, I think anyone else is profiting too much to change anything, which is why nothing has been done so far. If everyone wanted a change it would have happened by now.

Concurrent Education:

No [I did not protest because] I wasn't really sure how it was all set up, or how everything worked. I think it's good that [L.U. students] are fighting for something most university students can relate too, and feel strongly against. I think anything that's loud and in your face directs the attention you need to make changes. I believed anything that is done to help can't be wrong; it only helps to make things better.

Music:

I did not find the issues important enough [so I did not protest]. As long as protesting doesn't cause any harm or severely effect people's everyday lives, people should be able to speak their minds anyway they think will get results. Protesting can be an effective way to bring attention if it is the only way that the message can be put across, however, I think it should always be a last result. I think [that L.U. is on the right track to lowering tuition fees] since there are others who care about the same topic world wide that eventually something will happen as long as everyone can be mature. Tuition can have many services to many students and can improve the school life.

English:

Yes [I did participate], I attended the march in Sudbury and in Toronto. I believe that the tuition fees should be reduced and that the raise in tuition fees is unfair and undemocratic. The protesting was the right size to make a difference. The message was delivered and that was the purpose. This way [to protest] was effective, so why change it? If it isn't broken, why fix it? L.U. is on the right track. Action of this sort is traditional of University and does an effective job of making a difference.

Concurrent education:

No, I did not [take part in any of the protests]. I decided not to because I was too busy. No, I do not [think that L.U. went to far with their protesting]. Tuition fees have been risen to ridiculous amounts that students should not have to pay. There is always other ways in getting attention, yes. Maybe broadcasting information people's opinions on television, signatures. To be honest, I am not quite sure, it seems as though we are on the right track.

Have Mercy: Nine Good Reasons to Learn to Knit

BY JAN CARRIE STEVENS

Finally I have found the reason for why I get stressed. I don't knit. No kidding! According to a Research Incorporated of Atlanta's survey, of the one in three American women who are active knitters, more than half of the respon-

dents said they do these activities to relax.

Here are some of the things respondents said:

"I knit and crochet because it's relaxing. I really enjoy it because of the quiet time. It is how I get piece of mind."

"It's therapy for me — it's

like a treat. It's an artistic creation and I can lose myself in it."

I admit the study may be a little biased — it was commissioned by the Craft Yarn Council of America. Still, why deny myself an affordable, legal source of pleasure?

There are other benefits to knitting that are particularly useful to students.

1. Knitting improves math abilities. The reason for this is not certain — but knitting has been scientifically shown to

increase right and left brain interaction. Because it requires two hands to knit, both sides of the brain are stimulated.

2. Knitting improves fine motor skills. I am thinking our premed students should really be listening up here — especially if they plan on being micro-surgeons.

3. Knitting therapists (yes, there is such a thing) assert that knitting is as effective as EMDR (eye-movement desensitization and reprocessing) in overcoming traumatic experience.

Lisa Akers, an advanced knitting instructor says, "Now you can just knit your way through [crisis]. Spend some time knitting and thinking about what's bothering you. You can find a good solution!" (Note from Jan: If you are having EMDR treatment — why not simply add knitting to your treatment plan, and keep going to therapy.)

4. Knitting is good for anger management because you have to work through frustration and not react in anger to setbacks. In knitting, getting too tense makes the knots in your yarn even tighter. (I expect the same is true in every facet of life.) By resolving micro-problems with a measured response, you can more easily deal with macro-problems.

5. Knitting can keep you in class. Do you find you get fidgety or panicky in the lecture hall? Knit! According to "Times Online," Bobbi Sanders was a teenage gang member — unable to focus on anything. Since he took up knitting, he hasn't been in detention for over a year. Carol Grimaldy suffered post-traumatic stress after her Manhattan school was evacuated during the September 11 attacks. She joined a knitting club and the nightmares began to stop, and the panic attacks. I know

this sounds like "The National Inquirer" — but it's true!

6. Knitting can help you kick your addictions. Instead of reaching for snack food, soda, scotch or smokes — reach for your knitting. The University of Chicago even lists knitting in the top 10 "Ways to Quit Smoking" bulletin available from Student Services. Knitting and other handicrafts are great ways to keep your hands busy and also serve as new activities to distract many from cravings.

7. Knit money. Well, not quite, but you can make good money at it. Hand-knitted scarves and hats can easily net you \$10 a piece; purses and tote-bags — \$20. Vests and sweaters take you even higher. So, you save money by not buying smokes, etc, you attend classes more because know you have something to do in addition to listening and taking notes, and you turn a profit.

8. Knitting groups are a great way to meet people who have similar interests, and to make friends. This is particularly true for off-campus students, because living in residence is no guarantee against loneliness.

9. "Knitting for a Better World" is a movement. People who love to knit or crochet and who love to make a positive difference in the lives of others, send some of their treasures to those in great need. It may be knitted caps for babies, outerwear for the homeless, cardigans for kids in the Ukraine, or afghans for seniors.

So, now you're convinced. How can you start? Look no further than Laurentian University's room L-239 on Fridays during the lunch hour. We provide yarn and needles at cost — plus free patterns and instruction by Pauline Therrien. To register, email Jan at jc_stevens@laurentian.ca or call #3217.

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OPINION

Poverty and low income are not the same

The case against raising the minimum wage to \$10/hr

BY COREY STIBBARD
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There has been a recent push, most notably by the New Democratic Party, to immediately increase the minimum wage to \$10.00 per hour, up from the current \$8.00 per hour. However, such a move is ill advised and would have ripple effects throughout the economy and impact the small to medium sized businesses- whom make up the overwhelming majority of establishments in Ontario.

What has turned into a hot button issue of late is where the debate began to go south. The government should let the markets (businesses) dictate how much- lower or higher- it should pay its employees.

This should not be about politics as the consequences are too great for partisan games.

This failure to distinguish between low earnings and poverty has led to calls for a dramatic increase in the province's minimum wage, which would unintentionally harm the very people it is intended to help.

People often confuse the thought of someone being poor and in poverty.

Poverty is an absolute condition in which individuals lack basic necessities.

Low-income, on the other hand, is a relative statistical

measure of income used to pin the rich against the poor, and the less well-off than others.

Despite a flurry of information, largely based on political posturing, the facts have not been laid out in an unbiased format. Many low-income Canadians are not considered poor, as they include: young people supported by their families, adults supplementing their spouse's earnings with part-time employment, or senior citizens casually working to augment their pension income. There are an array of reasons in which individuals work and sometimes remain part-time: little to no education, a deferring disability, new immigrants that have not had their foreign credentials accepted and lack of sufficient language training and so on.

Statistics Canada has repeatedly reported that the majority of minimum wage workers are young people under the age of 24.

For example, in 2003, almost two-thirds of all minimum-wage workers were between the ages of 19 and 24. In addition, nearly 89 per cent of these young people lived at home with their parents or another relative.

Many people are also under the assertion that people whom are on minimum wage can never get anywhere in life or achieve what others may with better pay. Again statistics tell the true story,

as almost half of Canadians who worked low-paying jobs in 1996 had moved up into better jobs five years later. This upward mobility was especially strong in Alberta and Ontario, where strong economies and high employment rates translated into higher salaries for six out of ten low paid workers.

The current compensation structure, while not always fair, largely rewards those who work hard, have acquired experience and have the proper training/education, as the employer has more leeway in establishing what he or she should pay.

Under the proposed conditions, an employer will have less financial resources to properly compensate, therefore the upward mobility is no longer evident and employees will go to a 'big box' store that can afford to pay higher wages.

In this respect, this dramatic wage increase will not affect the large corporation that the legislation is intended on punishing, but the small to medium size businesses that are the backbone of the economy. About 73 per cent of Ontario's businesses employ fewer than five people, and 96 per cent of all businesses have fewer than 50 employees.

A recent Ontario Chamber of Commerce survey (commissioned January 25-29) found that based on 2,124 respondents, the

hardest hit would be the "Mom and Pop", independent and small-medium sized companies.

It found, medium sized companies (25- 250 employees) have expressed stronger opposition than any other group to the increase in the minimum wage to \$10. Within this group, companies employing less than 50 employees have shown the greatest disagreement (64%) to an immediate increase to \$10, and appear to be most vulnerable to wage increases. Half of these companies indicated that the increase in minimum wage will negatively affect their business.

The New Democratic Party and the Liberal government are merely posturing for votes in the upcoming fall election in the war of words over the bid to immediately raise the minimum wage. An immediate two dollar per hour increase (students under 18 are exempt) will not cripple the economy as the Liberals suggest, but it could be a bumpy ride for the short term (the Liberals are in favour of another gradual increase phased in over time). The NDP, for its part, are steering the debate in the wrong direction as well.

The real pressure should be applied to the provincial and federal governments to reform income tax, social benefits and payroll deductions. For example, raising the basic income exemp-

tion (the amount you can make before taxes kick in) from approximately \$8,430 to upwards of \$13,000 per year, increasing income tax credits and social transfers into education, universal and affordable childcare, language and training upgrading, social housing, employment benefits and so on. These are long term solutions, not quick fixes and will actually make a difference in the lives of the neediest. The federal government, for its part, is sitting on top of a whopping \$51 billion employment insurance surplus, of which proponents say only \$15 billion is needed to cover the future needs of Canadians. The Conservatives, whom once said that the EI premiums were a "raid on workers' pocketbooks" have no plans to scale back payroll deductions.

While we all aspire to live in a province where low income and poverty is rare, we should beware of quick fixes that keep us from addressing the more complicated factors that contribute to the most serious and persistent cases of poverty.

In the end, immediately raising the minimum wage is a reckless approach and will ultimately hurt the very people we are trying to help.

With files from The Toronto Star, Canadian Federation of Independent Business, the Fraser Institute and the Canadian Press.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Laurentian opens Nuclear Magnetic Resonance facility

BY ALEXANDRA TAYLOR
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Laurentian's rise to the top of the university research scene continued in February with the opening of a new Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Lab. Donated to Laurentian by Merck Frosst, the new High Field NMR is regarded as a state of the art addition to Laurentian's research facilities, and can aid in the development of new drugs.

The high-field NMR will be used by researchers in chemistry, as well as biology, organics, biochem, geology and physics, according to professor Dr. Gerardo Ulibarri. He also explained that he believes that the NMR will eventually become available for external research interests. Normally, a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance lab would cost upwards of \$1.2 million when purchased new, and was made available to the University thanks to the primary donation from Merck Frosst, as well as

donations from Laurentian University as well as the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund, FEDNOR and Bruker Biospin.

According to their website, Merck Frosst is "one of Canada's leading research-based pharmaceutical companies" and they are also the founders of The Merck Frosst Centre for Therapeutic Research, which currently houses research projected working towards the treatment of inflammatory diseases, diabetes and respiratory diseases, among others. According to the website, Merck Frosst donates more than \$115 million annually to research and development projects in Canada.

The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation provided \$60,000 to support the new facility, and Northern Development Minister Rick Bartolucci noted on behalf of the Ontario government "This investment reflects our commitment to helping northern students reach their full potential in

today's high tech world." Bartolucci was also in attendance at the official opening of the facility during Laurentian's Research Week.

Nuclear magnetic resonance facilities are used primarily to investigate the physical, chemical, electronic and structural information about molecules. Nuclei are submerged into a magnetic field and then exposed to a second oscillating magnetic field. The quality and consistency of the information increases as the frequency does, and the availability of a High Field NMR will be instrumental in increasing research and development at Laurentian.

Located in a laboratory behind the L.U. stadium, the new NMR facility will allow Laurentian researchers to conduct competitive research in a variety of fields, and will continue to enhance Laurentian's reputation as a research and development leader in Canada.



Alexandra Taylor / LAMBDA
Honorable Minister Rick Bartolucci discusses research and development at the opening of the new High Field Nuclear Magnetic Resonance facility.

The Write Way at LU

Since term is almost over, we thought this might be a good time to do a catch-all column on general mistakes that many of us make. Some of these have to do with verbs and some with punctuation—read on!

Verbs:

Do you know which one of the following pairs of sentences is correct, and why?

- a) I seen clearly that the water level had risen three feet.
I saw clearly that the water level had risen three feet.

We had drove only ten miles before the car broke down.

We had driven only ten miles before the car broke down.

I was completing the report when the teacher arrived.

I completed my report when the teacher arrived.

Answers: b in the first pair; b in the second pair; a in the third pair; in all of these the wrong verb form has been chosen.

Punctuation:

Why are these sentences wrong?

The meeting began however many members were absent.

A heavy snowfall is predicted, get out the shovels!

His new truck is red shiny large and powerful.

Jack, has always been a hard-working student.

Although my exams begin soon I have found very little time to study.

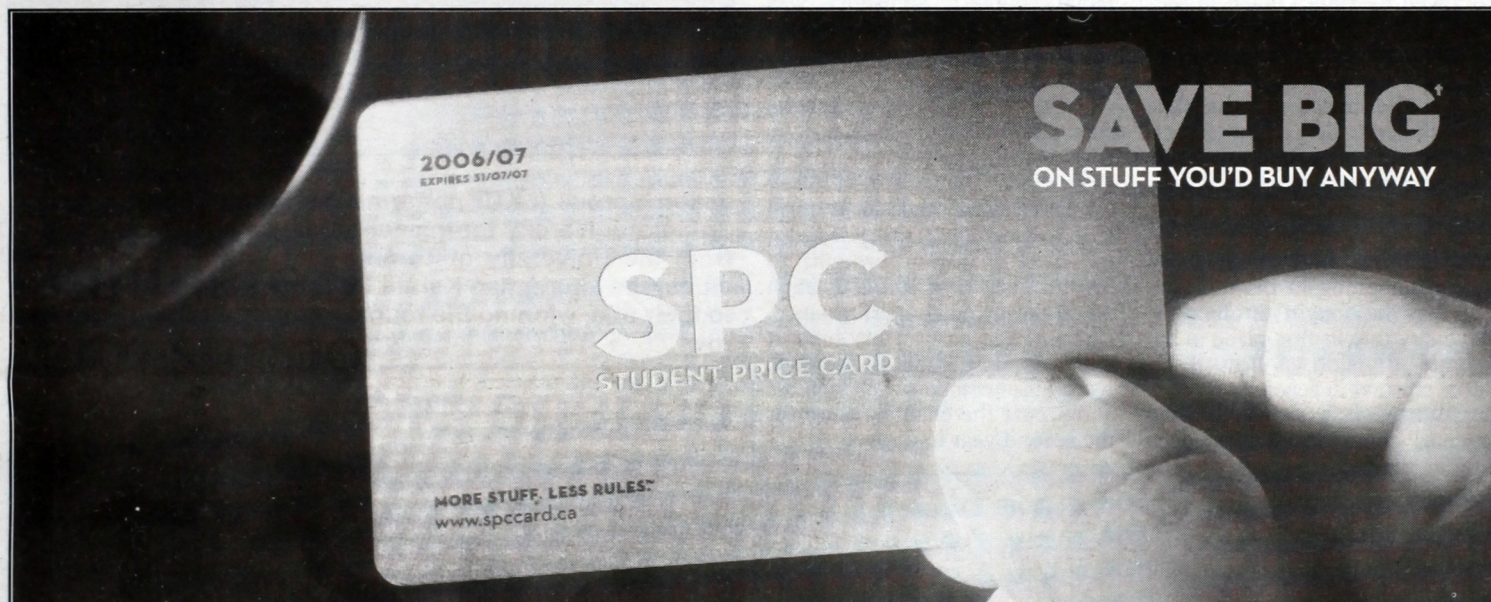
Answers: a) is two sentences and should have a semi-colon or period after 'began.'

b) is also two sentences and should have a semi-colon or period after 'predicted.'

c) this sentence has a series of adjectives and needs a comma after the words 'red,' 'shiny'; it could also have one after 'large.'

d) this sentence has a comma it doesn't need; never separate the subject and the predicate.

e) this sentence needs a comma after 'soon,' because the first group of words depends on the second.



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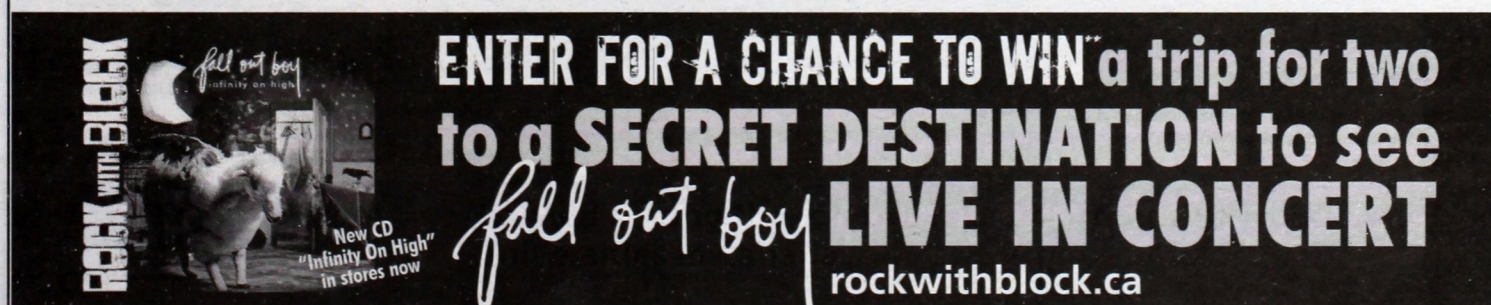
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SPORTS

LKC defends interuniversity championship

BY MATTHEW DESROSIERS

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On March 3rd, the Laurentian Karate Club (LKC) defended its interuniversity championship crown against its rival clubs from the University of Toronto (UofT) and the University of Guelph (UofG).

The teams competed in two categories, Kata (forms) and Kumite (sparring). The categories were split further into divisions. These included the men's novice (white to orange belts), men's intermediate (green to brown belts), women's novice and women's intermediate.

Likely the most exciting moment of the tournament came during the men's novice kumite finals, between Kevin Utas and Eric Kingsley, both members of the LKC. The two men put on a display of skill and fighting spirit that was not matched by any of the other competitors, as they traded kicks and punches one after the other. At one point Utas felt relatively secure with a two-point lead when Kingsley, seemingly out of nowhere, landed a beautiful roundhouse kick to the side of his opponents head, scoring three points and taking the lead. Not to be outdone, Utas returned with a kick to the body to regain his lead, but in the end it was not enough. Having kicked his way through the competition, Kingsley was not to be defeated and the bout ended with an astronomical score of 17-15 in his favour. To use the old cliché, there were no losers in this one. If you've ever practiced Karate and can appreciate what transpired in the ring between these two men, it was truly an inspiration. Kingsley took first place, fol-

lowed by Utas in second, and Matthew Desrosiers in third.

Similarly, in the men's novice kata division, LKC swept once again, with Utas taking first place, Desrosiers in second and Karl Cheung in third.

Not to be outdone by their male counterparts, the women's novice kumite and kata divisions were also swept by the LKC. Both divisions were identical as Elaine Cheng fought her way into first place, followed by Kerry Silver in second, and Anne-marijn Huygens in third.

The bulk of the competition came in the intermediate men's and women's divisions. UofT brought a large contingent of high quality competitors to attempt to regain their title.

In the women's intermediate kata division, only Carolyn Bleach managed to place for the LKC, earning a silver medal and scoring two points for her team. In the kumite division, however, Stephanie Julien took first place, followed by Haja Lucien in second. The rest of the medals in those divisions were taken by UofT competitors.

In the men's intermediate kata division, the LKC was completely shut out of the top three, however they made up for it with a strong performance in the kumite division. Matt Dell entered the tournament as a severe underdog in his division, however he fought through the adversity to win first place in the kumite division, followed by Jason Sprowl in second.

Whenever you have trained athletes competing against each other, there are bound to be injuries. Saturday's tournament showed that there are some dangers in martial arts, as Jason Sprowl discovered first hand. In

his semi-final bout with Rob Sainsbury from UofG, Sprowl found himself out-ranked yet not outclassed. While his opponent attempted a spinning back-kick, Sprowl saw his opportunity to attack.

"I saw his back and I thought I had enough time to take it," he said. "I guess not."

As Sprowl rushed in, his opponents' speed brought him about sooner than expected, and he caught the spinning heel directly under his eye. Not realizing exactly what had happened, Sprowl returned to the center of the ring where he was inspected by the judges. Ready to continue, he was confused when the medic was called over. From the stands it was plain to see that he was bleeding, however, everyone was surprised when the gash turned out to be deep enough to warrant a trip to the emergency room. Because he showed no control and landed a strike that incapacitated his opponent (excessive facial contact), Sainsbury was disqualified. Sprowl paid for his silver medal with nine stitches in his face.

The overall team results showed just how dominant the LKC was during the tournament. With 40pts, they were followed by UofT who had 15pts, and UofG who scored 1pt. Each part of the LKC team brought in results, and encouraged each other during each performance. Due in large part to this support and encouragement, the LKC were able to take on all comers and secure the championship for the second year in a row.



Matthew Desrosiers / LAMBDA

Jason Sprowl (LKC) performs his kata during the March 3rd interuniversity tournament. Despite heavy competition from the University of Toronto and University of Guelph clubs, the Laurentian Karate Club fought hard and held on to their title, winning the tournament for a second year in a row.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Tartuffe successfully seduces audience on opening night

BY MATTHEW MOSKAL
A&E EDITOR

By joining to the audience of Thorneloe Theatre Art's latest production, you are placed in King Louis XIV's most honoured of courts. The king himself will sit before you and serve as judge and jury to the events that will unfold onstage. As part of such a prestigious gathering, you are expected to hold your sides before you are doubled over with laughter. This is the nature of *Tartuffe*, Molière's giggle-worthy tale of deceit, seduction and other such tomfoolery.

The story commences (and remains) in the household of Orgon (Dan Lessard), a wealthy man in a 17th century France who has allowed for the company of a most unwanted visitor. A young trickster who goes by the name Tartuffe (Paul McGilvery) begins preaching the good book to Orgon and his mother (Andrea Burh) as if it were his native tongue. Orgon's faith in Tartuffe becomes a little too extensive when he promises his daughter, Mariane (Tova Arbus), to Tartuffe instead of the already worthy Valère (Craig Pearson), whom she has a prior engagement with. Further treachery to his wealthy benefactor occurs when Tartuffe attempts to seduce Orgon's wife, Elmire (Tracy Lessard). Orgon's son, the short tempered Damis (Andrew Root) sees through Tartuffe's ruse, and with the help of housemaid Dorine (Brienne Thierman) and Orgon's ostentatiously eccentric

brother Cléante (Luke Norton), the company come together in a plot to expose Tartuffe for the parasite he really is.

Director Ian MacLennan's execution of this mad tale of manipulation was brought to life by its energetic and amusing cast. The story itself was played out with no set, lighting, or costume changes, but relied heavily on the actors themselves conveying the story through well disguised rhyming couplets and humorous dialogue. This of course required that the production be rather visually pleasing to support the simplicity of its delivery. Costumes were well suited to their characters in both colour and image. Whether it was the fiery red of Damis, the deceitful black of Tartuffe, or the enjoyable cornucopia of colours draped over Mariane, the costume department showed their worth in terms of decoration.

Blocking was limited, but the cast made up for it with quirky mannerisms and bold expressions. One may have to witness Laurentian's SGA President strut so extravagantly firsthand to truly understand the hilarity of his character. Or perhaps one would prefer the lover's quarrel between Tova Arbus and Craig Pearson, who bicker like pre-teens while the sarcastically charming Brienne Thierman tries to intervene in the most civil of manners. Or find themselves most delighted by the near temper tantrums of Andrew Root as he tries to prove himself a man to his father and family. However,



Matthew Moskal / LAMBDA

Tartuffe and Elmire discuss illicit affairs in Molière's *Tartuffe*, presented at the Thorneloe Theatre until March 10th. Paul McGilvery and Tracy Lessard join a fantastic cast of characters in the performance, directed by Ian MacLennan.

the pinnacle of hilarity ensues when Tracy Lessard and Paul McGilvery finally cross paths in a battle of seductive wills.

Audience positioning had a lot to do with how some of the jokes connected. The ideal seat to be provided was in the centre of the crowd as it seemed that some expressions weren't seen as well from either side. This of course can also be attributed to the fact that the rather pompous wigs donned by many cast members helped obscure their faces. Some humour may have been lost on

the crowd simply because of a lack of vision, which unfortunately didn't help the cause of said physical comedy very much.

Many of the dialogue related humour remained rather subtle and took a very sarcastic tone. In some cases different character's abilities to lead the scene in dialogue in a humorous fashion were overshadowed by background characters drowning their sorrow in drink or mocking main stage dialogue. This wasn't so much a hindrance as it was difficult to truly find a point of focus, in fear

of losing some plot information. One may need to keep a wandering eye whilst witnessing Tartuffe firsthand.

However, all things considered, *Tartuffe* is, and should remain, genuinely entertaining. It will be continuing its run through the March 10th weekend at 8pm each night. If you're in need of a break from those tired textbooks and tribulations of studying, there's no shame in taking a walk to Thorneloe for a few good laughs. You shan't regret it.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Trailer Park duo wow crowds at Laurentian

BY MATTHEW MOSKAL
A&E EDITOR

Being a university that enjoys itself a drink every now and again, Laurentian students should be able to note at least one example of a truly fun and happy drunk. These characters usually have an interesting story to tell that enthralls a close personal group of friends, maybe even a stranger, into listening with great enthusiasm. More often than not, they act out to the point where it's hard not to pay attention to them. Why we love these people can be questionable. But there's always a point where someone has to stop said party before they hurt themselves. And when is it opportune? On Sunday March 4th, yours truly asked the same question of John Dunsworth, better

known as Jim Lahey on Showcase's Trailer Park Boys.

Dunsworth and his onscreen partner Randy (played by Patrick Roach) appeared at the Fraser Auditorium to a very satisfying reception. It seems a crowd from all walks of life was more than willing to pay the price of admission to spend the night with two of their favourite trailer park antagonists. Granted, when on television, the characters are inevitably enraged by the actions of the show's main characters in whatever get rich quick scheme they can concoct. But on Sunday night they were free from the shackles of trailer park life, and showing a different side of their personalities.

It's strange to see the transition from a television program to a staged show go well without being very overly corny or contrived, thus it was hard to view Randy and Lahey's performance without my tongue being firmly planted in my cheek. The jokes

were delivered like a fecal matter obsessed "Who's on First?" with Lahey leading the crowd through a series of innuendos and puns that seemed almost too obscene for a program like Trailer Park Boys. The act itself was well performed and had the attending crowd roaring with laughter at times, but there were certainly no high standards in the room. It was funny, in a way it appealed to the 12 year old watching a movie they aren't supposed to be in all of us. The duo managed to squeeze in prop comedy, slapstick, and even beat boxed rapping during the time they had onstage and then graciously waited around afterwards to sign autographs and pose for pictures with fans.

While their co-stars have toured with the likes of Our Lady Peace and Guns 'n Roses, or with their own band (see Aide-De-Camp), Randy and Lahey put together a travelling show to get in touch with their

audience:

"I love meeting the fans," stressed an enthusiastic Pat Roach, "in the Summer we film for you, in the Winter we come see you. We love you."

And if the performance appealed to anyone, it was those who felt a kinship with characters like Ricky, Julian, Bubbles, or any other attendant at the luxurious Sunnyvale trailer park. Roach explained why he thinks the show picked up and why so many people come out to the shows.

"You find something in the characters," he stressed once more. "There's something about these people that you can see in yourself or someone around you, and they're real in some way or another."

That night in the Fraser, people were dressed and acting as characters from the show and not afraid to display it onstage in the Bubbles impersonation competition. Students and residents

later measured their stomachs in front of the attending crowd to see who could win the "Gut Measuring Competition" without a feeling of shame or embarrassment. Even though the routine had stressed a level of bizarre immaturity, it was one thing they shared greatly with their audience. It was their willingness to share the stage with their viewers and their long time fans that made the night seem so personal.

If this night was a lesson in any way, it showed that the spectacle that some people make of themselves can give incentive for others to put themselves out there to have just a bit more fun than they'd planned. The fun drunk and his co-star were characters as much as they were themselves, and the crowd was waiting to top them off after the show. Personally, I couldn't have imagined this group of fans having any more fun.

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Goggins honoured at LU reception

BY THE LAURENTIAN VARSITY OFFICE

Lady Vees rookie basketball player and Sudbury native Katie Goggins was honoured January 31 at a reception hosted by Laurentian University to recognize its 2006-2007 Deans' Scholars and Millennium Awards recipients.

Goggins is a graduate of Lockerby Composite School, in Sudbury is currently studying Kinesiology at the School of

Human Kinetics and intends to pursue her goal of becoming a family doctor.

As one of five winners of the Deans Entrance Scholarship, valued at \$5,000, Goggins will receive mentorship from the dean of professional schools and is guaranteed a single room in residence as well as a study carrel in the J.N. Desmarais Library.

To qualify for this prestigious scholarship that is renewable for four years, Goggins

attained a minimum 90 percent average on her six best 12 U/M level courses, demonstrated exceptional leadership in her school and community and was nominated by her principal at Lockerby Composite School.

Goggins joins a list of varsity athlete recipients that includes Lady Vee standout and Laurentian Alumna Tierney Hoo and current cross country runner Marnie Smith.



Melanie Mehes is pursuing a PhD in Biomolecular Sciences.

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SPORTS

Marathon runner Yaw-MacLean raises money for diabetes research

BY LAUREN LAROCQUE
SPORTS EDITOR

Laurentian is known for being very proud of all of our varsity athletes. There are many athletes around the Laurentian campus who are actively involved in sports outside of the varsity sports too. Laurentian student and marathon-runner Sheila Yaw-Maclean is one of these athletes. On May 6, 2007, Yaw-Maclean will be participating in the Sudbury Rocks Race, Run or Walk for Diabetes, raising money for the Canadian Diabetes Association. The marathon is Northern Ontario's largest distance event, and there are events for everyone, including a half-marathon as well as 10km and 5km races. There is also a 1km race for children.

The Sudbury Rocks event is

a unique experience because it is Canada's only age/gender graded chase marathon. Yaw-Maclean explains that this means "the event will have literally 21 different start times, designed to level the field and to compensate for the fact that being female or being a bit older will naturally cause you to be a bit slower than an equally fit and trained 28 year old male. But, we only have one finish line, and one finish line tape to break! This means that a very fit and well trained 55 year old female has much chance as winning the race and bringing home the prize as that equally fit and equally well trained 28 year old male". As an added bonus, first place will take home two thousand dollars.

Sheila is aware that some people may be surprised that an event like this would take place

in Sudbury, as opposed to a larger city. She says "True, we have been known to have snow in May, not every May mind you, and true, we are known for having more hills than the average city, but remember that hills build character. Character is definitely something we have in abundance! For those of you who know Sudbury, you will know that setting up a fast and flat course is not easy; the city is built into the Canadian shield - a very rugged landscape loaded with lakes and hills and valleys". Speaking of the rugged landscape, this year's event has been moved to downtown Sudbury to accommodate the need for a flatter course. The few hills are gently sloping and are close to the beginning of the event. For those interested in seeing the route and elevation maps, all the information can be found at [www.sud-](http://www.sudburyrocksmarathon.com)

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All participants will also have the opportunity to listen to Ed Whitlock speak about his inspirational journey to becoming the first man over the age of seventy to finish a marathon in under three hours. Whitlock, who is also the current world record holder for the 70+ marathon, lived and worked in Sudbury for many years and has generously volunteered to come up and speak at the pasta dinner. Maclean-Yaw realizes his presence might be intimidating to some, but says "Marathon runners, fear not, Ed will not be running the marathon, but he WILL be running one of the shorter events".

Not only is the event a great experience for runners of all levels, but Yaw-Maclean and other participants will have the chance to raise money for a worthwhile

cause. The Canadian Diabetes Association works to prevent diabetes and improve the quality of life for those affected, through research, education, service and advocacy. With a presence in more than one hundred and fifty communities, the Canadian Diabetes Association's strong network of assistance includes volunteers, employees, health-care professionals and partners. Any students who are interested in supporting Sheila Yaw-Maclean or who want more information are encouraged to check out the event website. It will be an exciting event to participate in, or even to go and watch and cheer on the runners. As Yaw-Maclean says, "We expect to see some very good times this year". The event website is www.sudburyrocksmarathon.com.

Lafontaine Sisters Find New Home With Lady Vees

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The Laurentian Lady Vees basketball program is excited to announce Kelly and Kauri Lafontaine will be suiting up for the blue and gold in 07-08 after transferring to Laurentian from the University of Toronto.

Natives of Whitby, Ontario, Kelly and Kauri Lafontaine are transferring to Laurentian from the University of Toronto where Kelly played two seasons and Kauri played one for the Varsity Blues. Kelly, a five-foot-eleven guard amassed 75 points in 36 games while pulling down 34 rebounds, 17 assists, 13 steals and one block. Kauri, a five-

foot-ten forward, played in all 22 games during her rookie season tallying 80 points, 35 rebounds, 15 assists and 11 steals.

Both players are already on campus with Kelly enrolled in the Sport and Physical Education program and Kauri in Arts. Attending Laurentian this year has also enabled Kelly and Kauri to practice with the team and get to know their teammates.

"I am so glad I am here now. It is a great campus and really different from my past experience" said Kauri. "Everyone knows who you are, respects you, is friendly and really supportive. The campus is very close and I have met a

bunch of new people, who I know will be friends for life".

The sisters talk fondly of their new team-mates and the basketball environment they have become a part of at Laurentian. "The girls on the team are great. Everyone gets along so well and treats one another like family with someone always there to help out, push you to work harder, or even just to have fun with" said Kelly. "Mike is a great coach enforcing not only team success but also individual player development".

After a year on the sidelines and seeing what playing in the Ben Avery Gym, as the home team, is like both sisters are very excited to dawn the blue and gold and make a positive impact

starting in September. Kelly and Kauri both feel that having been able to practice with the team will help make the transition much easier next season.

"Practices have really helped us grasp the style of game Mike wants to play and helped us learn some of the team's sets as well as how to play with everyone based on their tendencies" said Kelly and Kauri during their respective interviews. Head coach Mike Clarke agrees that the sisters will have a great advantage having worked with the team this past year. "They have become integrated with our systems and

the team which is going to make stepping in much easier than it would be for most transfers" said Clarke.

"Kelly and Kauri have high basketball IQ's and have been well coached on fundamentals" added the Lady Vees bench boss. "They have a great understanding of what it means to be a team-mate and bring unique skills to our team. Kelly is a multi-faceted player who is a good shooter, passer, is physically well rounded and can play a variety of positions for us, while Kauri is a phenomenal shooter and could have the deepest range in the CIS".

Intramural
waterpolo
a success

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Intramural Waterpolo was held on Friday, February 9, 2007 and it was another successful day in the pool! In the end, Huntington Team 3 Powerhouse overcame the strong Huntington Team 1 in the A final game, which united them as the 2007 Laurentian University Intramural Inner-Tube Water Polo Champions! In the B final the Bull Dogs edged out the hard working Thornloe team to clinch the bronze medal.

Final Standings:

1. Huntington Team 3
2. Huntington Team 1
3. Bulldogs
4. Thornloe
5. Huntington Team 2
6. Water Wings
7. Water Banshees
8. Huntington Team 4

Once again we would like to thank all the participants, life guards, workers, and head convenor who helped to make this event a success. Special thanks go out to our sponsors: the Department of Active Living, Ganong Chocolate, and Unilever Canada. These sponsors provided tons of great prizes for everyone to enjoy.

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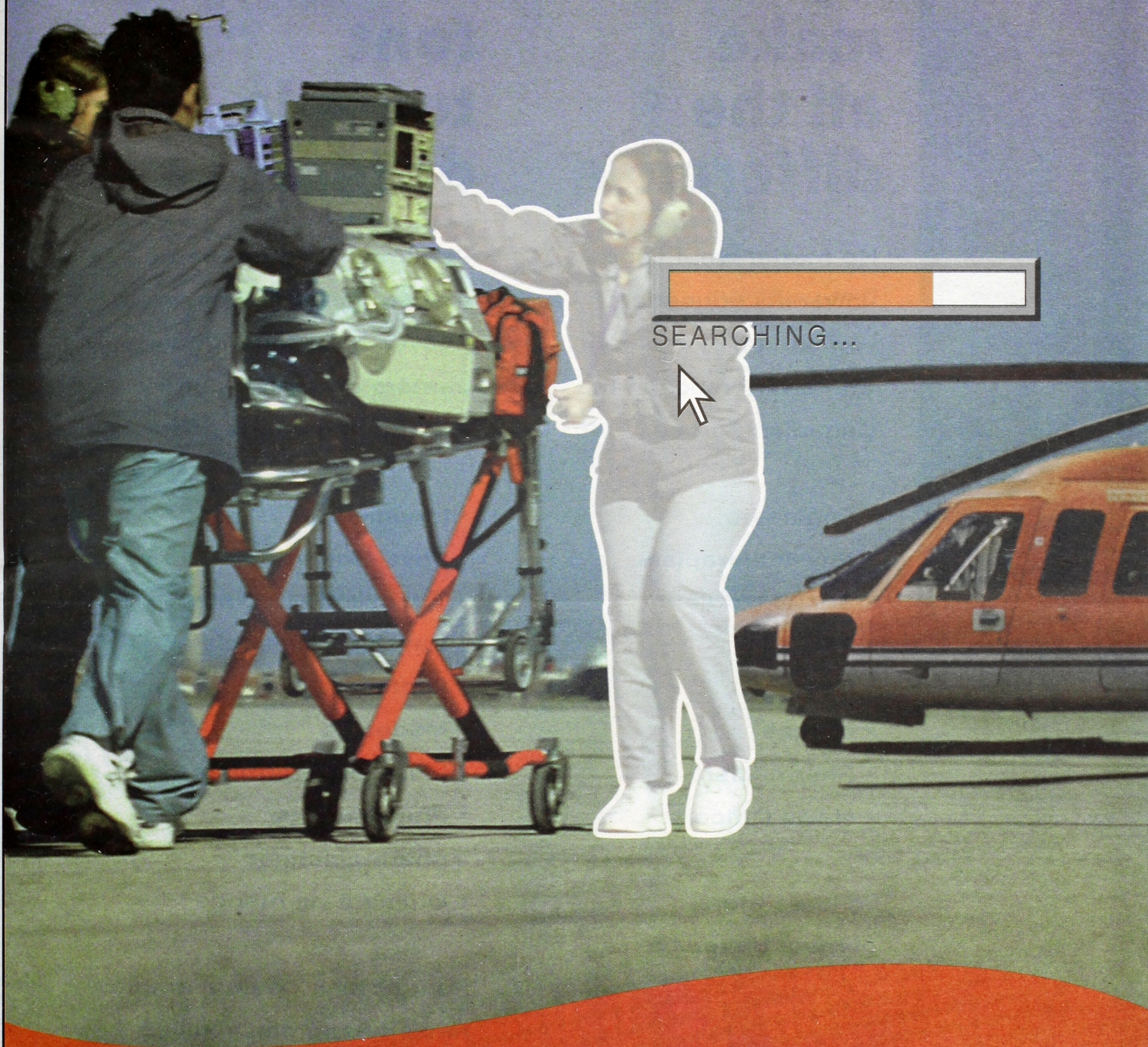
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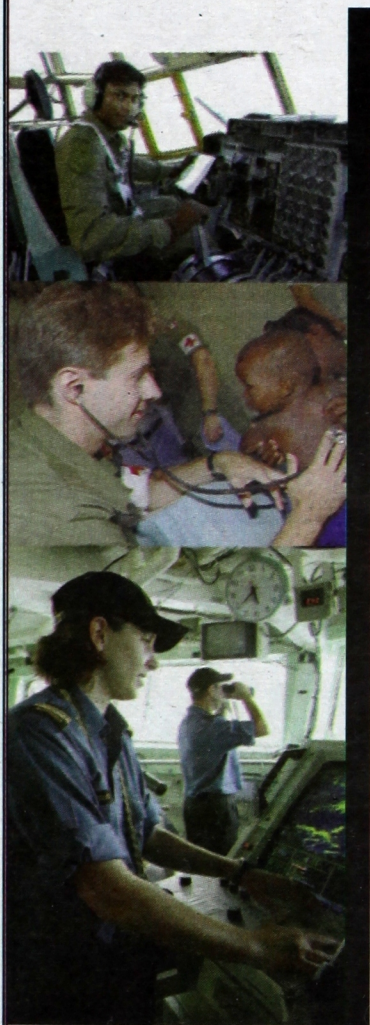
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